Consultants for the development of tourism in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal.

(e) During the year 2002-03, the Department of Tourism has sanctioned 2 tourism infrastructure projects amounting to Rs. 504.00 lakhs for the State of Uttaranchal.

Role of private sector in development of Adventure Tourism

2757. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of adventure tourism in the country;

(b) the locations identified for the growth of such tourism in the country; and

(c) the role of the private sector in the development of adventure tourism?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Adventure Tourism encompasses activities that include terrestrial, aero and aqua adventure sports tourism. To accelerate the development of Adventure tourism in the country, Central Financial Assistance is given to the States/UTs to enable them to put up infrastructural facilities and procurement of equipment for activities such as Trekking, Rock climbing, Mountaineering, Ice-skiing, Heli-skiing, Water Sports, Ballooning, Aero sports, Wild Life viewing facilities, development of Inland water ways and Cruise Tourism.

(b) Most of the States have identified locations for development of Adventure tourism depending upon their natural wealth. The Himalayan States, Coastal areas, Hilly areas, Deserts of Rajasthan, Desert of Ladakh, National Parks and Sanctuaries are some of the potential areas for development of Adventure tourism.

(c) The New National Tourism Policy acknowledges the critical role of the private sector with Government, working as a pro-active facilitator and catalyst for development of tourism including adventure tourism.